Governor of Nagaland on behalf of the Government of India and the representatives of the underground organisations, broadly a solution to the political problems of Nagaland has been found. Democratically elected Governments have been functioning smoothly and handling the affairs of the State in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Bonded labour in Kodai hills, Tamil Nadu

1086. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Sri Lankan Tamil repatriate families released from bonded labour in Kodai Hills last year; and

(b) what steps have been taken to rehabilitate those families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

Racket in lottery business

1087. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that State lottery business in the shape of 'instant lottery' running into crores of rupees has become a well organised racket, the major victims of which are the lower and economically backward strata of people;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite Entry 40 in the Union List incorporated in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, no law has so far been brought before Parliament to curb such practice; if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) by when such a law is proposed to be brought forth and what steps have so far been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Specific complaints when received are referred for appropriate action to the State Governments/ Union Territories Administrations. In January, 1987 they have been requested to review the desirability of running of instant lotteries in the light of the guidelines issued from the Central Govt. from time to time.

(b) and (c) The Central Government is not running any lottery. So far as State lotteries or private lotteries are concerned, the State Governments have largely confirmed that guidelines issued by the Centre are being followed. Therefore a Central Legislation is not presently under consideration.

Import Licences for Audio Visual Equipments

1088. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import licences for the import of audio-visual equipments were given to certain news agencies and newspapers recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any such licence was given to Hindustan Samachar and if not, in whose name it was issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The details of Customs Clearance Permits issued to Shri Peter Kerbs of

German TV and Radio, FRG for the import of equipments are given below:

(1) CCP No. P/J/3054211 dated 17.3.1987 for Rs. 2,72,211/- for the import of the following equipments:

(i) BVU 800 No. 14868 inc. 1.11 BK 806 Time Code Recorder.

(ii) BVU 435 No. 14800.

(iii) 3 Port. Colour Monitor PVM 6030.

(iv) Office typewriter IMB Model 6747.

(v) Photocopy Apparatus CANNON PC 25 with 13 cartridges/ Developer Var. colour.

(vi) 2 pieces Heat Radiators 2.5 KW Fakir.

(vii) 3 sets of day light batteries spots KOBOLD 200 EL.

(viii) 1 set of portable spots type ST 800.

(ix) 6 Tripode TR 512 for spots.

(2) CCP No. P/J/3075742 dated 20.11.86 for Rs. 18,80,447/- for the import of the following equipments:

(i)3/4' Betacam camera BVW 3 AP with 2 lenses and built-in recorder pack Ser No. 21873 includes set of camera adapters, cables, boxes; viewfinder, batteries, battery charges, AC adapters, tripod portable Audio-mixer, microphones.

(ii) Betacam Playback unit BVW 20 Ser No. 20313 which monitor BT-M 1400, cables, boxes.

(iii) Betacam editing pack BVE 800 Ser No. 11141 with time reader BK 806, time base corrector BVT 810 Ser No. 10956 and Vectoscope EV 4061, cables, power supplies.

(iv) Pair of Betacam studio editing machines BVW 40 Ser No. 10897 and BVW 10 Ser No. 11096 with rack and monitors BT-M 1400, Cables, power supplies.

(v) Mixing equipment-Video-mixer with inserter SA 300 Audio-mixer S 191 Ser. No. 2148 with loudspeaker O 98 and Video/Audio Patchboard.

(c) No, Sir.

Import of Equipments to deal with drought

1089. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for import of certain special equipments to effectively deal with drought situation in the country; and

(b) whether Government have received any such application for imports of Collapseable Containers for providing drinking water to the drought affected areas more efficiently and more economically in view of the shortage of road tankers from any State Government, semi-Government organisation or private parties; if so, what is the response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) There is no such specific provision in the Import Export policy. However, any request for import of equipments to deal with drought situation in the country can be considered on an *ad hoc* basis.

(b) No, Sir.

Maharashtra-Karnataka border dispute

1090. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold plebiscite in disputed border areas between Maharashtra and Karnataka in order to solve the long standing border disputes;